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SUBJECT: APPEAL OF AUSTRIAN CONSERVATIVE LEADER TO  
PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO HOLD FREE ELECTIONS

1. KARL SCHLEINZER CHAIRMAN OF CONSERVATIVE AUSTRIAN  
PEOPLE'S PARTY (OVP), WHICH IS MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY  
IN PARLIAMENT TO SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTAL PARTY, SENT  
MESSAGES ON MARCH 25 TO PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT GOMES AND  
PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES APPEALING TO THEM "TO TAKE  
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE PROPER ELECTIONS FOR  
PORTUGUESE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY".

2. THIS STEP REPORTEDLY TAKEN AFTER AUSTRIAN FONMIN  
BIELKA TURNED DOWN EARLIER SCHLEINZER SUGGESTION THAT  
GOA MAKE DEMARCHE IN LISBON EXPRESSING CONCERN OF  
AUSTRIAN PEOPLE OVER VIOLATION OF RIGHT OF FREE FORMATION  
OF POLITICAL PARTIES AND ASSOCIATIONS IN PORTUGAL.  
ACCORDING TO OVP PRESS RELEASE, BIELKA CITED PRINCIPLE  
OF NONINTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE AS  
BASIS FOR HIS REFUSAL TO ACT.

3. IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED MOVE, SCHLEINZER HAS  
ALSO SENT MESSAGES TO KAI UWE VON HASSEL, PRESIDENT  
OF EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, PROPOSING  
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THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN EUROPE MOUNT

JOINT ACTION TO SAVE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY AND  
STATING THAT OVP STOOD READY TO TAKE PART IN ANY  
JOINT EFFORT TO HELP SISTER PARTIES IN PORTUGAL.

4. DEPARTMENT REPEAT OTHER POSTS AS DESIRED.  
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